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PREPARATORY WORK CONTINUES ON NEW VEIN;  
COAL EXTRACTION ABOVE PLAN

ESTIMATED LIFE OF NEW VEIN IS 20 YEARS -- Tygodnik Polski [London], No 40,  
1 Oct 49

At the Grodziec mine, the Karelina and Andrzejc veins, 300 meters underground, are both nearing exhaustion. Current output of the mine is 1,050 tons of coal monthly.

Since 1945, preparatory work has been conducted for opening the new Flava vein 500 meters underground. Preliminary drilling disclosed a bituminous coal vein approximately 2 meters thick. This is probably a branch of the Andreje vein. An elevator shaft is already completed. The estimated life of the vein is 20 years.

At Gredziec, miners work in teams consisting of coal cutter operators, drillers, miners in charge of firing explosives, and loaders. Wages of all the members of a team are based on the amount of coal loaded.

ZABRZE COKE GASWORKS COMPLETES PLAN -- Trybuna Ludu, No 292, 23 Oct 49

On 22 October, the Associated Coke-oven Gasworks in Zabrze completed the Three-Year Plan. The present production of gas is nearly six times the 1946 production. In 1945, only three coke-oven plants were supplying gas; today there were eight in operation. In the Three-Year Plan, 843,465,000 zlotys were earmarked for investment purposes by the association. The sum was used in full for construction of over 104 kilometers of gas mains, various installations, several distribution stations, and for reconstruction and reactivation of three gas tanks and two filtering stations.

Three filling stations were opened recently to supply gas under high pressure for motor vehicles. These were the first of their kind in Poland. Gas, as a motor fuel, is 50 percent cheaper than gasoline and is equally as good. The new stations are located in Katowice, Chorzow, and Zabrze. Katowice and Chorzow use natural gas and Zabrze uses coke-oven gas.

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5,294,789 TONS OF COAL EXTRACTED -- Polska Zbrojna, No 272, 4 Oct 49

During September, the Polish coal industry extracted 5,294,789 tons of black coal or 100.2 percent of plan. The leading associations were: Rybnik with 111.8 percent of plan, Dabrowa 105.5 percent, and Gliwice 105 percent. September production was 0.6 percent greater than in August.

POWER PLANT FULFILLS PLAN -- Polska Zbrojna, No 272, 4 Oct 49

On 2 October, the power plant in Szombierki, one of the largest industrial power plants in the Slask area, completed the Three-Year Plan with a total power output of 950 million kilowatt-hours. By the end of 1949, 95 million kilowatt-hours above plan will be produced by this plant.

3 HIGH-VOLTAGE LINES FOR LODZ REGION -- Tygodnik Polski, No 36, 3 Sep 49

The Power Association of the Lodz Region has begun construction of three high-voltage lines. The first line will connect Wola Krzysztoporska with Sulejow; the second, Tum pod Lezycza with Piatek, a marketing and hardware production center; and the third, Zloczow with Sieradz Powiat.

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